



May 13<sup>th</sup>.

I have known B.S.M. Clarke for the past two years and have no hesitation in saying that he is just about the most loyal and efficient Warrant Officer I have had the pleasure of serving with.

He is absolutely first class on paper, and equally good at practical work outside.

He is a quick & excellent organizer who can always be relied on to get a job done with the maximum efficiency and the minimum fuss.

He was Battery Sergeant Major of the Battery which was for some time under my command in the Western Desert in Egypt. He did most excellent work under very difficult & extremely trying conditions, so that I had full opportunity to judge his merit.

He is a delightful man to work with.



I cannot recommend him too highly  
for any job requiring complete trustworthiness  
& loyalty, and ~~fast~~ fast energy &  
efficiency.

Matthews

Capt. R.A.

Commanding, 4th A.A.M.G. Battery, R.A.





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8th May, 1946

Mr. A. Clarke was appointed here as  
Commissionaire on the 13th September, 1937.

The position is a difficult one and  
most important for the smooth running of the  
College. He is responsible for the sale of  
Refectory tickets and a large amount of money  
passes through his hands each week.

He is also responsible for the recording  
of classes and staff, and for the discipline and  
numerous enquiries in the Entrance Hall.

Mr. Clarke is one of the most reliable  
men that I have met, extremely tactful, able and  
efficient, and has a most effective manner of  
dealing with the students. I can thoroughly  
recommend him to any post requiring initiative,  
keenness and reliability, and I should be pleased  
to answer any questions which may arise.

*Kenneth Holmes*



TESTIMONIAL ON DISCHARGE OF No.1411034. B.S.M.CLARKE.A.

CHARACTER. EXEMPLARY.

A conscientious reliable and trustworthy man.

He knows how to manage men and, although a strict disciplinarian retains his popularity. A most pleasant man to work under or with. He has a good knowledge of store-keeping and office work. In whatever employment he takes up, I am sure that he will give every satisfaction.

Lichfield.  
1-5-37.

(sd) W.P.Harwood. Major.R.A  
Commanding 1st.Anti-Aircraft Battery.R.A



EXTRACT FROM ARMY EMPLOYMENT SHEETS.

1. Rank. L/Sergt.

An exceedingly smart reliable and intelligent man who can successfully put his hand to any job. Has good knowledge of typewriting and office work. He has held a very responsible job with us and his efficiency is far above that of his present rank. He is exceedingly loyal to those under whose authority he serves.

(sd) H.C.R.Caudle. Capt. R.G.A.  
23-8-23. H.Q.D.E. Clyde and North Scottish Defences.

2. Rank Sergt.

Permanent Staff Instructor.

Kent Heavy Brigade.R.A The nature of this N.C.O's duties as a P.S.I. during the past 3 years necessitated that he should be able to carry on his work without supervision, be honest, tactful, sober and willing to work during the day and evenings. Sgt.Clarke has excelled in all of the above.

(sd) W.J.Nunn. Capt.R.A  
17-3-29. Adj. Kent Heavy Brigade.

3. Rank. Act.B.S.M.

Has been performing the duties of B.S.M. of the Unit with marked success. Possesses tact and can get the most out of men. Has a thorough knowledge of Office work a good instructor on parade with very smart appearance. Very loyal and willing. Above the average of his rank.

(sd) R.A.Watson. Capt.  
29-9-29. Commanding 24th.Heavy Battery.

4. Rank. B.Q.M.S.

Intelligent, sober, honest and thoroughly trustworthy - reliable  
A very good custodian of stores and accountant. Clean, energetic and self-reliant.

(sd) W.S.Wright. Capt.R.A  
1-10-32. Commanding 24th.Heavy Battery.

5. Rank. B.Q.M.S.

A very reliable and trustworthy Staff-Sergeant. Thoroughly competent and able at his work. Is smart in appearance, and a pleasant firm manner.

(sd) A.C.Hancocks. Major.R.A  
1-9-33. Commanding 24th.Heavy Battery.RA

6. Rank. B.S.M.

A very good B.S.M. knows his work thoroughly both outside and in the Office. Hardworking and reliable above the average of his rank. Manages men well and is very pleasant to deal with.

(sd) W.T.O.Crewdson. Major.R.A  
10-9-35. Commanding 1st.Anti-Aircraft Battery.R.A

7. Rank. B.S.M.

An excellent B.S.M. in every way and a most pleasant man to work with. During the last year in Egypt he has acted as R.S.M. with success. A strict disciplinarian but popular with all ranks. Above the average.

(sd) W.P.Harwood. Major.R.A  
1-10-36. Commanding 1st.Anti-Aircraft Battery.R.A



C O P Y

THE WAR OFFICE.  
LONDON. S.W.1.

30th. June 1937.

(M.S.3.)  
68/C/1881.

*No. 1411034. B.S.M. Clarke. Royal Artillery*

Sir,  
With reference to your application No. 551 dated 30th. April 1937, on behalf of the Warrant Officer marginally named for registration for the Meritorious Service Medal with annuity, I am directed to inform you that his name has been placed on the register, but he should be informed that the list of candidates is a long one, and that as the amount allotted to a Regiment or Corps for annuities is strictly limited, only a few with the strongest claims can be eventually rewarded.

When a vacancy occurs (through the death of an annuitant) the records of all candidates from the Regiment or Corps affected are reviewed on their merits, and the selection is made, irrespective of the date of registration of names in the War Office.

The attached copy of the candidates' record of service, showing the character and pension assessed, is to be returned to this Office after he has been discharged, in accordance with ~~Regulations 1930 (a) (iii) and (iv) of the King's~~ Regulations quoting the number and date of this letter at top of Army Form B.200.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(sd/-)

Major.  
Lieutenant-General.  
Military Secretary.

The Commandant.  
Army Vocational  
Hounslow.

No.53/Disc/2.  
1st.Anti-Aircraft Battery.R.A

The attached A.F. B.200 in respect of No.1411034 B.S.M. Clarke is forwarded for action with reference to the above War Office letter.

Lichfield.  
2-7-37.

*[Signature]*  
Commanding 1st.Anti-Aircraft Battery.R.A Major.R.A

Copy to: B.S.M. Clarke